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1. [redacted] Bulgaria
is becoming increasingly ripe for defection of the Tito-type from Soviet domination.
2. [redacted] the Soviet rulers have not succeeded
in destroying the very strong respect, admiration and affection for the US held 25X1
by the common people of Bulgaria.
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted] unlike other Satellite states, Bulgaria has most
meticulously observed all her trade commitments [redacted] even 25X1
though there is good evidence that this has been done in spite of Soviet opposition
and frequent urgent Soviet demand for the agricultural products Bulgaria exports
[redacted] in exchange for [redacted] machinery, drugs and manufacture 25X1
In fact he says Bulgarian fulfillment is much more complete than [redacted] fulfillment
to Bulgaria.
5. [redacted] the Soviets permit this because their hold upon the Bulgarian 25X1
people, unlike their hold upon many other Satellite peoples, is so uncertain that
they cannot refuse them the right to trade their products for those [redacted] goods 25X1
for which they have urgent need. [redacted] several instances where [redacted]
traders were anxious to obtain certain commodities from Bulgaria known to be in
demand by the Soviets. The Bulgarians readily agreed to supply the commodities
saying they would have trouble with the Soviets, nevertheless they would comply.
6. [redacted] anti-Communist Bulgarians formerly prominent
in the Bulgarian economy, but long incarcerated under Communist regime, are 25X1
being released from prison for the purpose of traveling [redacted] to conduct trade 25X1

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negotiations. This is another indication of the necessity for the Soviets to placate the Bulgarians.

7. The significance of this situation is very clear

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are grasping at the straw of trade in spite of Soviet opposition in order to keep open the only possible contact with the West, 25X1 and particularly with the US, hoping that some miracle will occur that will permit eventual release from Soviet domination.

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